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July 11, 2006

Dr. Rodney Cluck, Ph.D.
Cape Wind Project Manager
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Subject: Comments on Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS on the Cape Wind Project

Dear Dr. Cluck:

As the Mineral Management Service prepares its Environmental Impact Statement on the Cape Wind project, Hy-Line Cruises feels it is imperative that we express our concerns relative to the navigational hazards and corresponding public safety problems which will be created by the Cape Wind Project.

Hy-Line Cruises, as part of a year round public/private ferry transportation system servicing the Cape and the Islands, has been operating ferries on the waters of Nantucket Sound since 1971. Hy-Line Cruises and the Woods Hole Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority carry about 3 million passengers on these waters annually. Our three high speed ferry routes which run between Hyannis and Nantucket, Hyannis and Martha's Vineyard, and Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket all pass within ¼ mile of the proposed wind farm.

On the basis of navigation hazards and public safety concerns, we have consistently and adamantly been against the Cape Wind project in the sound since its inception. Navigating Nantucket Sound in all kinds of weather and traffic conditions is challenging enough without the introduction of these structures to further complicate and restrict our routes. Recreational vessels with inexperienced operators and unsophisticated navigational equipment will necessarily be forced into ferry lanes during foggy and inclement weather to avoid collision with these huge structures. Further complicating matters is the conclusion by a British study that "confirms that there may be an impact on radar within 1.5 nautical miles of turbines producing spurious returns on displays, potentially masking targets." (British Shipping Annual Review 2004-2005). All these factors add up to a recipe for potential disaster.

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Accordingly, we urge that the EIS contain a detailed analysis and rigorous review of all public safety issues relating to vessel traffic, navigational hazards, including inclement weather and frequent heavy fog, conflicting waterway uses and radar interference.

We further request that MMS develop a risk assessment model similar to the one established in the United Kingdom and consider the creation of safe separation zones from ferry routes and shipping channels, as well as the establishment of exclusion zones preventing the siting of a wind farm in unique locations like Nantucket sound that are not practical or safe for this proposed use.

It is our hope that upon your extensive review of this issue you will make a recommendation to defeat this project based on the navigational hazards and public safety concerns stated above.

If you wish to contact Hy-Line Cruises to discuss our comments and public safety and navigational concerns further, I can be reached by phone at 508-775-7175 ext 216 or by email at:
davids@hylinecruises.com.

Thank you for consideration in this most important matter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David F. Scudder".

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